

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-16 (canceled).

Claim 17 (currently amended): The cloth, net or mesh according to claim 16, ~~characterised in that~~ the 29, wherein each metal fibre thread ~~(5 to 12)~~ has a larger diameter than the metal wire ~~(3 to 4)~~.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The cloth, net or mesh according to claim 16, ~~characterised in that~~ the 29, wherein the metal ~~wire (2 to 4) is~~ wires are woven together with the metal fibre ~~thread (5 to 12)~~ threads.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The cloth, net or mesh according to claim 18, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the metal ~~wire (2 to 4) constitutes~~ wires constitute the warp, and the metal fibre ~~thread (5 to 12)~~ threads constitute the weft of a cloth.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The cloth, net or mesh according to claim 16, ~~characterised in that~~ the 29, wherein each metal wire ~~(2 to 4)~~ is a monofilament wire.

Claim 21 (currently amended): The cloth, net or mesh according to claim 16, ~~characterised in that~~ 29, wherein the metal ~~wire (2 to 4) forms~~ wires form a smooth surface ~~(13, 14)~~.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The cloth, net or mesh according to claim 16, ~~characterised in that~~ the cloth, net or mesh ~~(1) is furnished with~~ 29, further comprising a support layer ~~(15) consisting of~~ comprising a plurality of metal wire ~~(16 to 19), preferably monofilament wire~~ wires.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The cloth, net or mesh according to claim 16, ~~characterised in that~~ 29, wherein a metal wire ~~(22), preferably monofilament wire~~ holds the cloth, net or mesh ~~(1)~~ together.

Claim 24 (withdrawn): A method for producing a cloth, net or mesh, especially in accordance with claim 16, **characterised in that** a metal fibre thread (5 to 12) encased in a skin is woven together with a metal wire (2 to 4) to make a cloth, and the skin is removed subsequently.

Claim 25 (withdrawn): The method according to claim 24, **characterised in that** the skin is removed with a liquid.

Claim 26 (withdrawn): The method according to either of claim 24, **characterised in that** the cloth is welded to a solid body.

Claim 27 (withdrawn): The method according to any of claim 24, **characterised in that** stainless steel is used for the metal fibre thread (5 to 12) and for the metal wire (2 to 4).

Claim 28 (canceled).

Claim 29 (new): A cloth, net or mesh made from metal comprising:

- (a) a plurality of metal wires; and
- (b) a plurality of metal fiber threads worked in between the metal wires, each metal wire thread comprising a bundle of fibers, each fiber having a diameter less than 100  $\mu\text{m}$ , wherein a section through the metal fibre thread has more than 100 fibers.

Claim 30 (new): The cloth, net or mesh according to claim 29, wherein each fiber has a diameter less than 30  $\mu\text{m}$  and the section through the metal fibre thread has more than 500 fibers.

Claim 31 (new): The cloth, net or mesh according to claim 22, wherein each wire in the support layer is a monofilament wire.

Claim 32 (new): The cloth, net or mesh according to claim 23, wherein the metal wire is a monofilament wire.

Claim 33 (new): A depth filtration sieve comprising a cloth, net or mesh according to claim 29.